

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

Claims 13 (withdrawn) A method of treating a disease or disorder with an aetiology comprising or associated with excess GH- and/or IGF-1 secretion in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering microparticles according to claim 1.

Claim 14 (new) Microparticles comprising cyclo[{4-(NH₂-C₂H₄-NH-CO-O-)Pro}-Phg-DTrp-Lys-Tyr(4-Bzl)-Phe] in free form, salt form or protected form embedded in a polymer matrix wherein the polymer matrix comprises a linear and a branched polylactide-co-glycolide.

Claim 15 (new) Microparticles according to claim 14 wherein the cyclo[{4-(NH₂-C₂H₄-NH-CO-O-)Pro}-Phg-DTrp-Lys-Tyr(4-Bzl)-Phe] is in pamoate salt form.

Claim 16 (new) Microparticles according to claim 14 wherein the polymer matrix comprises a Resomer[®] RG polymer and a star polylactide-co-glycolide polymer having a weight average molecular weight of about 50,000 Da.

Claim 17 (new) Microparticles according to claim 14 wherein the ratio of linear to branched polylactide-co-glycolide is 50 : 50.

Claim 18 (new) Microparticles according to claim 14 wherein the cyclo[{4-(NH₂-C₂H₄-NH-CO-O-)Pro}-Phg-DTrp-Lys-Tyr(4-Bzl)-Phe] is an amorphous powder having a particle size less than about 5 microns.

Claim 19 (new) Microparticles according to claim 14 further comprising a surfactant, a porosity influencing agent and/or a basic salt.

Claim 20 (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising microparticles according to claim 14 and a water-based vehicle comprising a wetting agent.

Claim 21 (new) A composition according to claim 20 wherein the wetting agent comprises a poloxamer and/or a polyoxyethylene-sorbitan-fatty acid ester.

Claim 22 (new) A composition according to any one of claims 20 wherein the vehicle comprises a tonicity agent.

Claim 23 (new) A composition according to any one of claims 20 wherein the vehicle comprises a viscosity increasing agent.

Claim 24 (new) A kit comprising microparticles according to claim 14 and a water-based vehicle.